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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 1, 2006 AS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR AN RCE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview begins on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected by the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks start on page 11 of this document.

Statement of the Substance of Examiner Interview

By telephone, on August 8, 2006

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Claim 1 was discussed in context of Esposito and Donohue prior art references. Final agreement was not reached on claim 1, pending further search and consideration, but allowance of claim 1 was not ruled out either.

Applicant pointed out that Applicant's mark-up language elements/"tags" can make use of element behaviors to provide organic functionality of Applicant's "Content Template System." This allows coordinated tags in the system to replace the use of multiple documents (i.e., to avoid numerous separate web page documents; template documents; style sheet document; etc.) in authoring a web page. Applicant submitted that the Content Template System goes beyond the functionality of the Esposito and Donohue cited references: such as, e.g., an ability to edit remote content on the fly from the running web document even if the remote content is in a format that is foreign to the web document – all within the functionality of the single tag and its associated element behavior. Also aired was that the various types of tags of Applicant's content template system (e.g., edit tag, resource tag, pane tag, preview tag...) may work on or from the same remote content (e.g., data file; keyboard input) and harmonize with each other so that they don't conflict in handling the remote content.